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LB 933

to 933.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Nichol, will you take care of the E & R amendments?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, I move for the adoption of the E & R amendments.

SENATOR KAHLE: All those in favor of adopting the E & R amendments, say aye. Those opposed, no. E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner would move to amend the bill.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment is to bring the statutes in harmony or to be consistent with the Constitution and what it does, it changes the number of votes required for an appropriation excess of the Governor from the current statute of 33 down to the current constitutional requirement of three-fifths or 30. To give you a little history, back in 1971 session there was a bill enacted which was LB 28 that, among other things, changed the law to read 33 votes which was then the Constitution. About a month later, LB 301 was also enacted which was a constitutional amendment later approved by the voters in the election of 1972 and that constitutional provision changed the requirement from 33 back down to 30 and in exchange of that reduction, that was also the time in which the Governor was given line item vetoes opposed to the entire bill which was the case before. So the purpose of the amendment is to merely again bring the statute into compliance with what the constitutional requirement is and that's 30 votes to exceed the Governor's recommendation on budget matters.

SENATOR KAHLE: There are no lights on, so I guess we're ready to vote on LB 933. Okay, this is an amendment to the bill so it will require a machine vote. Those in support vote aye, those opposed vote no.